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The Final Office Action dated February 3, 2006 sets forth new grounds of rejection and states that such new grounds were "required by applicant's amendments to independent claims 21 and 28." See Office Action, p. 5 ("Response to Arguments" section). However, the Applicants did not make any claim amendments in the preceding reply. According to MPEP § 706.07(a), it is not proper to make the Office Action final under these circumstances.

For this reason, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Final Office Action, and issuance of a new, non-final Office Action.

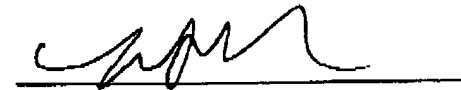
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